

**IN THE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS OF
THE STATE OF TEXAS**

ANTHONY RUFFINS

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COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS
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DEANA WILLIAMSON, CLERK

V.

NO. PD-0862-20

THE STATE OF TEXAS

**APPELLANT'S FIRST MOTION FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE BRIEF**

TO THE HONORABLE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS:

COMES NOW, ANTHONY RUFFINS, by and through his attorney of record, Karen Oprea, and files this his First Motion for Extension of Time to File Brief and in support thereof, would show the Court the following:

I.

That the above-styled and numbered cause is styled The State of Texas v. Anthony Ruffins, Cause Number CR2016-614 in the 207th Judicial District Court of Comal County, Texas. Appellant was sentenced on August 10, 2018.

II.

Appellant was convicted of the offense of aggravated robbery and punishment was assessed at life in prison.

III.

Notice of appeal was filed on August 10, 2018. On August 14, 2020, the Third Court of Appeals reversed Appellant's conviction and remanded the

case to the trial court.

IV.

The State filed a petition for discretionary review, which this Court granted on January 13, 2021. The State filed its brief on March 16, 2021, after receiving two extensions of time totaling thirty-two days. Appellant's response brief is due to be filed on April 15, 2021.

This is Appellant's first motion for extension of time to file his response brief. Appellant respectfully requests a thirty-day extension of time to file the brief, which would make such brief due on Saturday, May 15, 2021. The next working day is Monday, May 17, 2021.

V.

There is good cause for this motion. In addition to completing the briefing in another case, the undersigned counsel anticipates several hearings during the next month, as well as other unavoidable obligations and demands from her caseload that will prevent her from completing Appellant's brief within 30 days and will necessitate this extension of time. In addition, the State filed a 14,960 word brief, filled with both factual and legal contentions that will require far more than the typical time required for a response brief. She asks that this extension be granted so that she may effectively represent Appellant and so that justice may be done in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Karen E. Oprea

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Karen E. Oprea, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Appellant's Motion for Extension of Time to File Brief was sent by email to the Comal County District Attorney's Office at preslj@co.comal.tx.us and doyerj@co.comal.tx.us, and to the State Prosecuting Attorney's Office at information@spa.texas.gov, on this 19th day of March, 2021.

/s/ Karen E. Oprea

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